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INTRODUCTION

The Demoss Family Papers are centered around early land and mill owners of Davidson County, Tennessee. Two of the more prominent persons mentioned in the collection are Abraham and James Demoss. The Demoss Family Papers were loaned for copying by Mrs. Celia Foster, Nashville, Tennessee.

The materials in this finding aid measure .84 linear feet. There are no restrictions on the materials. Single photocopies of unpublished writings in the Demoss Family Papers may be made for purposes of individual or scholarly research.

SCOPE AND CONTENT

The Demoss Family Papers is a collection which consists of copies of account books, correspondence, court and land records, legal documents, and various other items concerning the Demoss Family of Davidson County, Tennessee. This collection covers the period, 1803-1931, with the bulk of the collection covering the years, 1807-1866.

Also included in the collection are various writings, obituaries, printed materials, slave documents, and school records. These items along with the other types of material listed give the researcher a glimpse of nineteenth century Davidson County.

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